



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**ROD ROSS et al.**

Application No.: 09/895,304

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For: **CUTTING BLADE ASSEMBLY  
FOR A MICROKERATOME**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002, please amend the above-entitled application as follows.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please substitute the abstract with the amended version enclosed herein.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 17, 21, 24, 27, 29, 31 and 45 as follows.

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- ✓ 1. (Amended) A blade assembly that can be assembled into a microkeratome used to cut a cornea, the microkeratome including a pin, comprising:
- a blade that has a cutting edge, a rear edge, and a pair of side edges that extend between said cutting edge and said rear edge; and,
- a blade holder that is coupled to said blade to define a cutting depth, said blade holder having a color that corresponds to said cutting depth of said blade said blade holder having a recess that receives the pin.